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Tachyerges decoratus (Coleoptera, Curculionidae) New to Japan

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Flea weevils of the genus *Tachyerges* SCHOENHERR, 1825 are known to associate with Salicaceae, and the larvae are leaf-miners (ANDERSON, 1989). Presently a total of 13 species are known from middle to high latitude of temperate to subarctic climate zones throughout the Holarctic Region except for two doubtful species in systematic position known from Sri Lanka and South Africa. Among them, five species, of which two are endemic, are known from Japan (MORIMOTO & MIYAKAWA, 1996). The sixth species, which is known to occur in Russia (Far East and European part) and Europe, was found from northern Japan as will be recorded below.

Tachyerges decoratus (GERMAR, 1821)

(Figs. 1–3)

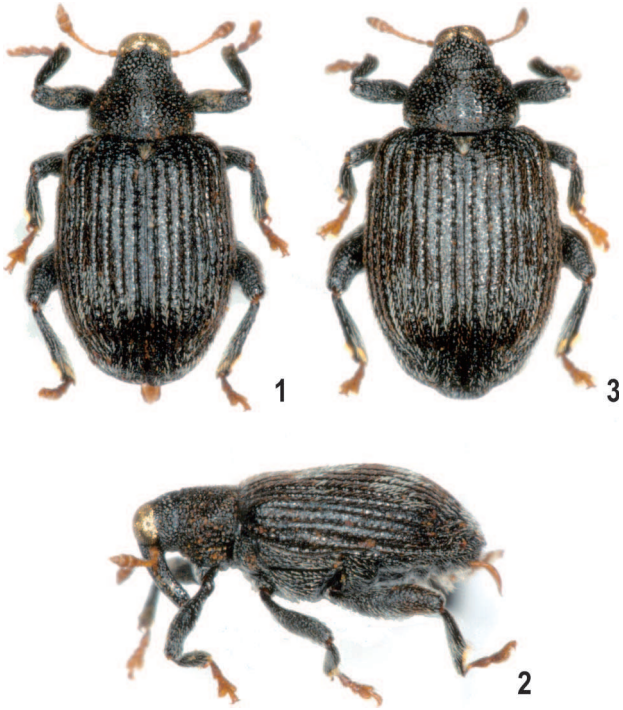
Salius decoratus GERMAR, 1821, Mag. Ent., **4**: 331.
Rhynchaenus decoratus: GYLLENHAL, 1827, Ins. Suec., **4**: 601.
Orchestes (*Tachyerges*) *decoratus*: SCHOENHERR, 1836, Gen. Spec. Curc., **3**: 503. — HOFFMANN, 1958, Faune de France, **62**: 1346 (key), 1347 (diagnosis, biology). — LOHSE, 1983, Käf. Mitteleur., **11**: 292 (key).
Tachyerges decoratus: REDTENBACHER, 1849, Fauna Austr., 800. — MORIMOTO & MIYAKAWA, 1996, Esakia, (36): 79 (key).
Rhynchaenus (*Tachyerges*) *decoratus*: KLIMA, 1935, Coleopt. Cat., (145), Rhynchaeninae: 11 (catalogue). — TER-MINASSIAN, 1953, Ent. Obozr., **33**: 319 (key). — EGOROV *et al*., 1996, Key to the Insects of Russian Far East, **3**. Coleopt., (3): 482 (key; Primorye).
See KLIMA (1935) for synonymy and MORIMOTO & MIYAKAWA (1996) for a key to the *Tachyerges* species.

This species may be distinguished from other congeners by a combination of the following features: Derm black, with reddish brown antennae, unci of tibiae and tarsi; eyes subcontiguous; elytra ovate, 1.3–1.4 times as long as broad, with two grayish white bands usually formed of two to three rows of hairy scales on each interval and interrupted by striae, and venter with 2nd to 5th ventrites clothed with long hairs in male.

Specimens examined. 8 exs., Aiuchi, Shiura-mura, Aomori-ken, 30–VI–2000, M. HORIKAWA.

Distribution. Japan (Honshu); Russia (Far East and European part), Europe. New to Japan.

Biological note. Weevils were captured on *Salix gilgiana* (Kawayanagi in Japanese) in the lakeside.



Figs. 1–3. Habitus photographs of *Tachyerges decoratus* (GERMAR, 1821). —— 1, Male, dorsal; 2, ditto, lateral; 3, female, dorsal.

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